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Identical letters dated 4 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In the past week, terrorists in the Gaza Strip fired four more rockets into the communities of southern Israel. Two days ago, they also launched a mortar shell at an Israel Defense Forces patrol.

The danger of these attacks is plain for all to see. One million Israeli civilians remain under the constant specter of violence. One rocket that lands in the wrong place at the wrong time could ignite a serious escalation of conflict in our already turbulent region. Yet, the Security Council continues to turn a blind eye.

We expect the Security Council, and all responsible members of the international community, to condemn the relentless rocket fire from Gaza without any further delay.

Israel holds the Hamas terrorist organization fully responsible for all attacks emanating from Gaza, where it remains in de facto control. Israel has exercised and will continue to exercise its right to self-defence, as appropriate, and will take all necessary measures to protect its citizens.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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